

# THE STICK

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## GAV-HAWK FORMAL TONIGHT

### F. T. C. GIRLS WIN DOUBLE-HEADER

In a nip and tuck double-header game packed with thrills and good sportsmanship, two Fitchburg teams beat Keene with a score of 39-35 for the first teams and 33-30 for the second teams yesterday afternoon.

A first and second team of girls and their coach, Miss Bateman, came to F. T. C. yesterday afternoon for Fitchburg's first basketball games of the year with outside teams. Officiating for the games were Virginia Vines, referee, and Jane Hesselien umpire, both from Boston.

After the game, the W. A. A. sponsored a dinner at Brooks' for the members of both teams, the officials, the coaches; President of the A. A., Anna Clifford; Orange Team Captain, E. O'Connor, and White Team Captain, Connie Day.

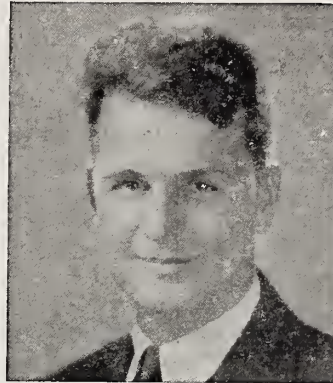
Fitchburg's lineup was as follows:  
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### F. T. C. SWAMPED BY WORCESTER TECH

Before a crowd of approximately 1200, Worcester Tech's famed basketball team defeated our varsity squad led by Creamer by a score of 63-34.

Creamer started the scoring of the game with a beautiful tap from Devikus, he dribbled around the big Tech guards for a score. Again Creamer scored and soon after Devikus sunk a beautiful shot. Then the Tech team started to show its ability. Wells, the Tech giant, paved the way. He scored 25 points for the highest scorer of the evening.

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Mr. Ralph Colson

### FRESHMEN POSTURE PICTURES TAKEN

If you should notice a distinctness of bearing in the freshmen of late, don't be alarmed. You're not seeing things—these people have just had their posture pictures taken this week, and have suddenly become posture-conscious. As you probably know, it is required that these pictures be taken of each incoming class at all the state colleges.

The posture machine is a special camera, designed to take a clearly-outlined silhouette. The prints of these pictures are kept by the state educational department as a part of the permanent health record of each student.

There was an interesting sidelight to the taking of the posture pictures this past week. Mr. Ralph Colson, who preceded Mr. Healy as physical director, came here to take charge of the machine and protect the state's investment. It was an occasion for renewing old acquaintances for Mr. Colson,

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### MANY ALUMNI EXPECTED BACK

### EVENT TO TAKE PLACE IN COLLEGE LIBRARY

Tonight is the night!

At eight o'clock this evening, the sweet music of Don Faben's celebrated musicians will greet the Gaveleer and Mohawks of today and yesterday as they enter the beautifully decorated college library for their annual formal dance.

This is a gala occasion for all fraternity brothers. The new members will have their first opportunity to mingle with brothers who have gone before, to take part in a major social event as a Gaveleer or Mohawk.

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### STUDENTS SPEAK BEFORE CONVENTION

Five of our students spoke before the convention of elementary Teachers held yesterday afternoon at the college. Following a business meeting Miss McCarty gave a talk on remedial reading methods.

Dorothy Sears, Ruth Lagsdin, Edith Bixby, Tom Passios, and Ben Mason spoke on "laboratory methods and remedial reading." A tele-binocular demonstration was given by the students.

At the Banquet, Patrick J. Sullivan, head of teachers college of the State, spoke. The address of the evening was delivered by Superintendent Francis of Fitchburg.

Among those present were Miss Dunn, president of elementary teachers of Fitchburg, and Mrs. Florence Gay, head of elementary education of the State.



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## CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

We return from many student performances with a feeling of gratitude toward the group who spend so much time in preparing a program for us. Such was the feeling we had toward the group responsible for the presentation of H. M. S. Pin-afore.

We were first impressed by the programs designed by John Mitchell. The hours of labor spent by Ed Frye, John Mitchell, and Ralph Pearson were rewarded by a program worthy of the college production.

With authentic Gilbert and Sullivan scenery, the nautical effect produced was novel. This is the first time in years that scenery has been hired for student entertainment.

Our faithful orchestra presented itself in commendable manner. Because of the nature of the performance they were kept playing continuously the entire evening.

There were two members of the Glee Club who stood out in their service. Lois White, a member of the chorus, who stepped into the part Monday before the curtain in place of Eva Trafton who was sick, and Raymond Lowe, who not only had a part in the operetta but took on the duties of the business manager as well.

Miss Eldridge comes in for a good share of the credit in that her directing produced a smoothness

## THE ASH TRAY

### FELLOW STOONTS:

Shaking off the deadly effects of that dread disease Trainingitis, complicated by a touch of Supervisoris, (an almost fatal combination) we once more break out a new pencil and scatter words aimlessly about the virgin sheet—the result? An ash tray. Take it or leave it.

We're finally becoming acquainted with the freshmen. Training, like vinegar, has never been rated high as a mixer and the more we see of em, the better we like them—the fellas, too.

### Candid Literary Shots Of Your Fellow Stoonsts:

"A thing of beauty has joy rides forever."—Murphy (the frosh).

"When a girl finds she's the only pebble on the beach, she becomes a little boulder."—Millie S. Aw! He thinks he's hard-boiled—but he's really half-baked."—Sally D.

### Poetry Department

Last night I held a hand so tight,  
None else that joy could bring.  
I thought my beating heart would burst—  
My soul began to sing.  
Still breathless, I recall it now—  
Four aces and a king.

### Philosophy Department

We should desire few things ardently if we had a perfect knowledge of what we were desiring.

### Warning Department

The glance that over cocktails seems so sweet  
May be less charming over shredded wheat.

### Memory Department

All alone we sat there watching the full moon rise over the distant mountains. One of her little hands was held in mine. Tenderly, I bent over and k (Help! I'm being censored!)

Rather silly isn't it? But after all, you read it. Remember that old rhyme—"Up a ladder, down a tree?"—QED.

to the performance that could be favorably compared with a professional company. With both orchestra and Glee Club chorus to direct, Miss Eldridge found it necessary to move into the dormitory where she could be available at all times. We are fortunate to have on our faculty a woman so willing to give of her time to the production of musical programs.

Miss Eldridge, please take a bow!



## STUDENTS IN TRAINING THIS SEMESTER

### *Edgerly School*

Grade VI.—Miss Wingate, entire semester, Robert Manning, Barbara Baldwin. Second half, Helen Hartnett. (J. H.)

Grade V.—Miss Johnson, entire semester, Ursula Jurga, Mary Gagnon. Second half, Helen Gibson. (J. H.)

Grade IV.—Miss Quattlander, entire semester, Elsie Gates, Florence Hazel.

Grade III.—Miss Quattlander, entire semester Ruth Hughes.

Grade II.—Mrs. Smith, entire semester, Bernice Cleaves.

Grade I.—Mrs. Smith, entire semester, Anne Franzck, Helen Devecis.

### *Dillon School*

Grade VI.—Miss Gearan, entire semester, Grace Gaudet, Russell Gearin.

Grade V.—Miss Gearan, entire semester, Mary Gibbons.

Grade IV.—Miss Mahoney, entire semester, Mary Dempsey. 2nd half, Phyllis Batterson. (J.H.)

Grade III.—Miss Mahoney, entire semester, Alice Gay, Virginia Hamilton.

Grade II.—Miss McConnell, entire semester, Viola Bruso.

Grade I.—Miss McConnell, entire semester, Vera Kenney, Barbara Fisher.

### *Junior High*

Mr. Clark, first half, John Murphy. Second half, Frank Houghton.

Miss Cunningham, first half, Frank Luokkala, Second half, Clifton Hulbert.

Mr. Healy, first half, Helen Gibson.

Mr. Knowles, first half, Helen Harnett.

Mrs. Simmons, first half, Clifton Hulbert. Second half, Frank Luokkala.

Mr. Underwood, first half, Frank Houghton. Second half, John Murphy.

Miss White, first half, Phyllis Batterson.

### *Practical Arts*

Mr. Hague, Printing — Harry

## A CANUCK'S MASTERPIECE

It has been a tradition of **THE STICK** to print only the English language. The other day, however, we wondered. When Bud Gearan handed us the following piece of phonetics, we began raising our eyebrows, but we felt that Bud was observing us, and we felt that a look of appreciation would soothe the young man's soul.

The following is supposed to be a letter written by a French-Canadian to his insurance man, after an "hotto" accident:

Hookset bye de see  
Friday de 10  
1936 April

Lumberjack Mootchule Co  
Manchester, N. H.

Deer mister Shoots—

Wats de madder hi haint gut no hatenshun from U co. bout ma haxident hof hover sex mont hago. Wears dat fass servace U crow habout. Hits habout time U git won report frum dat crazie hassured wot was smak ma hotto beetween de ships—U no wat hi meen, rite hat boat dore hon de lef cide han twiss hit hup lak ha you so boat set hof weel lok sam derhexon.

O'Connell.

Mr. Purinton, Metal — Fred Love.

Mr. Landall, Wood—Leo Gittzus.

Mr. McLean, Drawing — Leo Gittzus.

Mr. Hammond, General Shop—Raymond Lowe.

Mr. Hammond, General Shop—Stanley English.

Leominster Vocational School, Metal—Walter Harrod.

Leominster Junior High, Me'a — Henry Kosciusko.

Fitchburg High, Printing—Edward Donnelly.

Gardner High, Printing—Roger Holt.

Gardner High, Wood — John Loiko.

Hi gut lot damage two ma hotto, han my boy Calvin shes dont feal two goot heeder. hes brok bote leg. Goot ting shes dont haf more hor she woot brok hall of hit. Hannyhaw shes brok hevery bone frum is tow 2 is Ballybutton. U tink hits funny hay, wel ow U lak bee put in won doze tam chement jaket. Han haf some carpinter com han bild ha hi fense haround de hinstal som pulay hon de top bord han run ha wair hover hit han 2 bote U leg han den drop de hudder hand wit waits hon hit han snake U hup bi de feets lak mister Swiff hand mister Har-moor do 2 dere hogs.

Ma hole whoman hes poosh ees noze hin bak hove ma nek han hi go hout de front winder hed ferst. I gess de houle whoman want 2 fine hout der derexion hof de win so ees poosh me hout ferst. U shud sea ees noze eet his ha site, now howe U tink ees goona smel wit no noze. Beter broke ees jaw so ees no tak to 2 tree weak.

Now hi gut dat slipp wat U hex me four fil hout butt U dint ketch me how dat. U tole won U ajuster two pas hon my plase hannynite nex weak han hi toll heem wat appen. Now dont sen no wize gie becuse hi gut ma hall cock four shoot.

Hiff hi dont ear from U soon hi git ma self won countsell.

Ur's desatesfide,

Alphonse LaFlamme

P. S. U haint gut no rite two saw my boy Calvin cuze he haint twenti-won alredy so cum sea me fur hole beezness. Pleeze dont talke 2 de hole whoman cuz hes cannot henser, stil got some bone hove noze hin ees troat. Sence de flud dey haint no more bridge hacross de merrymak han hi haf 2 detoor bye Concord. Han hits sum walke han so hi nede ma hotto fix. Hi cud hop hacross lak de hudder froggs. bott sense hi brok ma leg hi haint got hanney spring hin hit.

Al.

## EXCERPT FROM, "ART OF TIPPING A CANOE"

*Did you have this experience last summer, girls?*

"The manner in which most pert and demure little girls are initiated into this experience is through the assistance of the eternal male. The innocent young things may be paddling along in a preoccupied fashion, when suddenly the boys who dived in at the shore may pop up right beside the gals' canoe and start rocking it. If they withstand the assault of maple paddles on knuckles and pates, they surely earn the reward of rescuing their chosen belles from the perils of shipwreck. In cases similar to this the canoe has often foundered as flotsam about the lake till an irate parent has come in search of his belated daughter. By this time his bewildering offspring will be whispering sweet nothings in her heroic rescuer's intent ear, while the two sunbathe on the beach."

## FRESHMEN LIST

—Continued from last week

Henry F. Walsh, 342 Milbury Street, Worcester. Graduated from St. Peter's High School in 1938. Member of the staff of "Purple and White" Football, Baseball, Basketball.

Warren J. McCabe, 15 James Street, Worcester. Graduated from Commerce High School in 1937. P. G. Course at C. H. S Sports Editor of "Mercury", Photography Club, Track Team

Theodore C. Pierce, 307 Pleasant Street, Leominster. Graduated from Gardner High School in 1932. Attended Institute of Musical Art, and Julliard Graduate School in New York City. Member of the Debating Club.

Vincent Howe—19 Forbes Street, Worcester. Graduated from Commerce in 1938. History Club, Baseball.

Vincent Palermo—13 Imperial Road, Worcester. Graduated from

## TRAINING SCHOOLS

*The following are excerpts from a notebook made voluntarily by Philip Whitney, a pupil in Miss Mahoney's third grade at Dillon School. The material is based on a Communication unit conducted by Claire Salmon during her recent training period there.*

We went to the Worcester Telegram-Evening Gazette office, also the Radio Broadcasting Station WTAG. The rest of the places were in Fitchburg as follows:

### Post Office

Letters, 10,000 a day—Saw a \$5.00 stamp—C. O. D.'s are kept in a cage—6 to 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 to 6 o'clock at night are the busiest times—It takes thirty days for a letter to go to China—In the Navy Department you must be 17 years old to join.

### Print Shop—State Teachers College

A make-up table is used to make words from small lead letters—Printing Press used for printing—They make ink from paste—The Linotype machine is what makes lead letters—The paper cutter will cut paper two inches thick—They print 500 papers a week.

Paper is 25in. x 38in.—A Stapler is used to attach papers together—We saw the proof press—Small wooden blocks are used around the lead letters and are called wood furniture—In printing "E" is used the most.

### The Telephone Exchange

A gas is used in case of fire—We saw the large Switchboard—Information on duty—Operator showed us how they would plug in our number—The Chief Operator listens in on all Emergency Calls.

### Western Union Telegraph Office

It takes two hours to send a

North High School in 1937. P. G. course at Commerce High. French Club.

## TO THE EDITOR

State Teachers College  
Hyannis, Mass.  
February 7, 1939

Editor of College Newspaper  
State Teachers College  
Fitchburg, Massachusetts  
Dear Sir:

Having decided to publish a bi-monthly school paper and having heard such excellent reports of the quality and organization of your paper, we would be grateful if you will permit us to have a copy or two. Enclosed is the necessary mailing cost in stamps, and we trust presently we may enjoy its regular arrival as an exchange publication.

Yours truly,  
John Doyle  
Editor

telegram to Finland—A telegram if sent across the ocean goes by cable.

### Police Station

The Receiving Set is used to receive messages from the Radio Patrol—There are Tear Gas Bombs, Tear Gas Shells and a Tear gas Gun—Every person is finger-printed no matter what charge—They have a blackboard for drawing in the court room—A Witness is used to tell what he has seen or heard—In the court room the prisoners sit behind a bar—There are many law books in the court room—The Judge's desk is very high—Sing Sing Prison is in Ossing—Sawdust is used to stop the loud noise of the shooting gallery.

### Radio Broadcasting Station—WTAG of Worcester

A Microphone is used to broadcast the programs—When they say anything is to be "transcribed" this is done by running a record on a victrola—There are springs under the floors and all rooms are sound-proof—The walls are made up of a mixture of Ground Glass, and Plaster.

Philip Whitney  
Third Grade  
D. M. Dillon School





### STRANGE SYMBOLISM

It has been called to our attention that the statues in the front lobby are surrounded by brass rails.

### CARNIVAL NOTES

Congratulations to Mary Chase and our council for Carnival—a great success:

To Ann McIntire for prompt service at the buffet supper.

To Peggy Burke—a beautiful queen.

To Ellen Dormin, Bernie Johnson, Gerry Lyons, and Norma Richardson, really royal attendants.

To the White Team—Hi, Champs!

To Sirkka Waris who worked all Saturday morning on snow images and then played a beautiful game of basketball.

To the Freshmen for a simple dance that was fun!

To Helen Hill and Kenneth Sweeney for a grand class song.

To Ray Edwards and the Freshmen for the polar bear.

To the weather man—thanks a million.

To Mr. Underwood, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Knowles—grand chaperones.

To Herbie Downs for finding a new way to go down Hospital Hill—somersaults.

To George Joseph for the balloon dance.

### NOTES ON THE JUNIOR PROM

"It was the grandest Prom

we've ever attended!"—Most everybody.

"Well, how was I to know that her arms came out of joint?"—"Yutch".

"Mary, Oh Mary!"—"I had a dance with Mary."—Tom S.

"I didn't go to the Prom but my shoes, cufflinks, garters, socks, necktie, and overcoat did!"—"Ben".

.....and on the way home, I saw a couple guys selling newspapers in tails!"—Creamer.

"That was a swell sofa that we had our picture taken on."—Stan English.

"And I still insist that the women's place is in the home and not on the road, driving!"—Larry H.

"We were supposed to be ushers but I don't know why!"—The ushers.

### NOTES ON THE FRESHMEN DANCE

And a swell time was had by all (especially the Frosh!)

We imagine that the upperclass girls are now retracting the statements made about going formal! Why were they so afraid of being wall-flowers? The Frosh certainly weren't worrying!

Much can be said about the gowns of the girls, especially the Frosh! What next???

A Frosh was heard sighing, "Hadd I but known him before!" Where have you been all my life Joe?

Johnson's "small fry" has proved to be a gem! A Ruby to be exact!

Some of the Women's Banquet romances were re-enacted at the ball, weren't they Bob R.?

It's amazing the way the Frosh "picked up" escorts as soon as it was time to go home!

### CUSHING ACADEMY 0 F. T. C. INDEPENDENTS 0

The F. T. C. Independents battled Cushing Academy's hockey team to a scoreless tie last Friday at Cushing.

Although the poor ice and bad weather hampered the play, it was all in all a very interesting game. Both teams threatened many times but the superb work of both teams on the defense made it impossible.

This game was one of the features of the Cushing Winter Carnival.

Lineup for Fitchburg Independents.

Sweeney — Goal

Colson — L. defense

Duffy — R. defense

English — Center

Bercume — Gilfoil — L. Wing

Donovan — MacLean — R. Wing

### GIRLS' VOLLEY BALL SEASON OPENS

As the past week saw the close of both bowling and the basketball seasons, Helen Whitcomb, head of volley ball, will officially open the volley ball season with a practice on March 7th. A series of practices will be followed by class and color games.

### GIRLS' BOWLING

The bowling season ended Wednesday afternoon when the White and Orange held their championship match. TEAMS: White—McCarthy, Scully, Leighton, Day, and Whitcomb. Subs—Viner, Eklin, Whitmore, and Hackett. Orange—Disken, Clifford, Yando, Szocik, Connelly. Subs—Hermanson, O'Connor, Coombs, and Buckley.

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## INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Monday, the Sophomore B team defeated the Freshman A team 39 - 8 and the Junior B team downed their fellow classmates, Junior A, 47 - 15.

In the first game, Harvey was the individual star with 17 points, while Miller and Freeman scored 10 and 8 respectively. The outcome of the game was never in doubt as the P. A. team took the lead at the start of the game and never relinquished it to the "scoreless wonders".

In the second game the Junior C team's revamped lineup, with English at guard and Kosciusko at center, clicked, after a first close quarter and they rolled up a high score. O'Connell tallying on "sets" shots led the scoring with 20 points, followed by English with 14 Kosciusko with 12.

The score at the end of the first quarter was 4 - 2, however from then on the P. A. men took matters into their own hands and scored at will.

### TEAM STANDINGS IN INTRAMURALS

Team	W	L	%	Points
Junior B	6	0	1000	218- 64
Senior	6	1	852	180-135
Sophomore A	4	3	568	170-132
Sophomore B	4	3	568	139-132
Junior A	3	4	426	129-171
Freshman C	2	5	294	88-163
Freshman B	1	5	166	52- 90
Freshman A	1	6	142	51-147

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Name	G.	B.	F.	T.
O'Connell-JB	6	37	1	75
English-JB	6	29	7	65
Wennerberg-SA	7	30	3	63
Lukkola-JA	7	27	6	60
Guilfoyle-S	7	24	10	58

## SCHEDULE

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20

#### Monday

- 12:35 P. M.—Intra-mural board meeting.
- 3:30 P. M.—Intra-mural volley ball.
- 4:00 P. M.—Basketball practice.

#### Tuesday

- 11:00 A. M.—Assembly.
- 12:20 P. M.—Co-ed recreation.
- 4:00 P. M.—Girls' volleyball.
- 4:00 P. M.—Basketball practice.

#### Wednesday

Washington's Birthday — holiday.

Basketball (away) F. T. C. vs. Rhode Island School of Education.

#### Thursday

- 4:00 P. M.—Girls' volleyball.
- 4:00 P. M.—Basketball practice.

#### Friday

Winter vacation starts.

### MR. HARRINGTON

The school is happy to have Mr. Harrington back again after an absence of five weeks. During his illness his various classes were taken over by Miss Conlon, Mr. Weston, Mr. Randall, Mr. Carpenter, and Dr. Percival.

### EPSILON PI TAU

Mr. James Chalmers of the Fitchburg High School led the discussion on Duties and Responsibilities of a Teachers in the Public School System at the Epsilon meeting on Wednesday, February 15.

### Girls' Basketball

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lows:

First team: forwards, Szocik, Hadd, Waris; guards, Hughes, Whitcomb, Lyons.

Second team: forwards; Viner, Disken, Dormin; guards, Buckingham, Sheehan, Connolly. Subs: Merrit, Hackett, E. O'Connor.

### Gav-Hawk Formal

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While designated as a formal dance, this designation does not mean that a precise stiffness will prevail, but rather that the dance will be one of dignity—no stiff formality will be allowed to interfere with the fullest enjoyment by every member and guest.



So, on with the dance! Joe Daniels and Sarge Stanley have done such a great job with preparations that there will be no excuse whatever for any Gav-eleer, Mohawk or guest not having the time of his or her life—the lucky people.

### Worcester Tech

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Creamer kept our team in the game by scoring 15 points. This was due to his clever ball handling and his keen eye for the basket.

Berry, Devikus, Smith, and Daniels also played a good game of basketball. However, they were dwarfs in comparison to the Tech players.

### Posture Pictures

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who left Fitchburg two years ago to accept a position as Assistant Health and Physical Education Supervisor in the Massachusetts State Department of Education.

Mr. Colson seems happy in his new position, and, knowing his keen interest in the work, we feel sure he is destined to go far in his chosen field. We were happy to have him with us, even for a brief time, and wish him success in his work.